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FOR: METHOD FOR HYDROGENATING BENZENE POLYCARBOXYLIC ACIDS OR
DERIVATIVES THEREOF BY USING A CATALYST CONTAINING MA-
CROPORES

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Divisional application of application Serial No. 09/581,843, filed on June 19, 2000. The Divisional application is drawn to non-elected subject matter that was canceled from the claims during the prosecution of the parent application. Kindly amend the Divisional Application for further prosecution as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1 to 11 in favor of new Claims 12 to 15 as set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as set forth in Appendix II attached to this paper.